



Friday Facts

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Ways to Save at Home

When asking my coworkers for tips to save a little money here and there, our Director of Information Technology, Dustin Doornink, was quick to share a tip. "One thing we have done is upgrade to LED lights at home to save monthly energy costs. Not only with that, but use the Wisconsin Focus on Energy plan that allows you to get free energy efficient items, like LED light bulbs, power strips, or water-saving devices, depending on your local utility provider." You don't have to replace every single bulb in the house at once. Swapping out 4 or 5 of your most-used light bulbs for LED ones can save you \$45 or more a year, according to TheSimpleDollar.com.

Clean out your closets and put some money back in your closet. When schools were closed to help flatten the curve of COVID-19, my teacher friend took stock of what she no longer needed or liked. She created an account on Poshmark to sell some of her clothes. Within that first week at home, she made \$65! You can get free boxes from the post office, plus the site provides the pre-paid, pre-addressed label ready for you to put on the box. Note: There are lots more items sold on Poshmark than just clothes. If you've never opened the box of pink latte bowls you bought on clearance from Anthropologie 8 years ago, it's time to sell them. (Totally random example. Not an

actual item I've hauled during two different moves or anything.)

Cancel any club memberships you aren't using, as well as any subscriptions that you don't absolutely need. Sure, it's fun getting the Single Swag box filled with bath, beauty, and fashion items to treat yourself with, but it's not really a necessity. (Again, totally random example.) Once cash flow is no longer an issue, you'll be able to treat yourself again.

Here's one I didn't know... Inflate your tires. You lose 1% of your gas mileage per every two PSI of air pressure under the recommended level in your tires.

What other things have you done around home to save a little money?



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